

**What is claimed is:**

1. A management system comprising a gateway component adapted to reside on a workstation and a device agent adapted to reside on a pervasive device for configuring pervasive devices;  
said gateway component being instantiable during synchronisation of said workstation with a pervasive device and comprising:  
means for transferring said device agent to said pervasive device; and  
means for transmitting configuration information to said pervasive device; and  
said device agent comprising means for executing configuration commands in response to said configuration information.
2. A management system according to claim 1 wherein the configuration information comprises a file including one or more commands.
3. A management system according to claim 2 wherein the file is sent from a management server and addressed to a specific pervasive device.
4. A management system as claimed in claim 2 wherein the gateway component is adapted to generate device specific commands from the file and to transmit them to the device agent when resident on the pervasive device.
5. A management system as claimed in claim 4 wherein the device agent is adapted to execute the commands as they are received.
6. A management system as claimed in claim 5 wherein said commands comprise commands for removing applications or databases from said pervasive device.

1 7. A management system as claimed in claim 2 wherein the gateway component is adapted  
2 to generate device specific commands from the file and to transmit them for storage on the  
3 pervasive device.

4 8. A management system as claimed in claim 7 wherein the device agent is adapted to  
5 execute said stored commands once synchronisation is complete.

6 9. A management system as claimed in claim 8 wherein said commands comprise database  
7 or application configuration commands.

8 10. A management system as claimed in claim 8 wherein the device agent is adapted to delete  
9 said stored commands when configuration is complete.

10 11. A management system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said device agent is adapted to be  
11 deleted from said pervasive device once said configuration is complete.

12 12. A management system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said workstation includes a  
13 controller for pervasive devices of a given type, said controller being adapted to instantiate one or  
14 more modules during synchronisation of devices of said type and wherein said management  
15 system further comprises an enabling component comprising;

16 means for configuring said controller to add said gateway component as a module to any  
17 modules which are instantiated during synchronisation of pervasive devices of said type.

18 13. A management system as claimed in claim 12 wherein said pervasive device is a Palm  
19 Computing Platform device and wherein said controller comprises a mask defining any conduit  
20 modules which are instantiated during synchronisation of a pervasive device and wherein said  
21 enabling component comprises means for configuring said controller to selectively add said

1 gateway component as a module to any modules which are instantiated during synchronisation of  
2 said pervasive device.

3 14. A management system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said management gateway is  
4 adapted to request said device agent, when resident on the device, to perform an inventory of  
5 software installed on the device and to return said inventory to said gateway component.

6 15. A management system as claimed in claim 14 wherein said management gateway is  
7 adapted to return any synchronisation events to a management server.

8 16. A computer program product comprising computer program code stored on a computer  
9 readable storage medium for, when executed on a computing device, managing pervasive  
10 devices, the program code comprising the management system of claim 1.

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